

## **The ski season in Jasná and Štrbské Pleso continues until 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021, with cable cars added from Tuesday**

**It's here after all! The Jasná and Štrbské Pleso ski resorts are going to be opened until 9<sup>th</sup> May. And from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, cable cars are going to operate again after the pandemic restrictions have been loosened. This means more options for skiers as well as walking tourists in both mountain resorts.**

The snow conditions are still great and suitable for spring skiing, the interest of skiers is huge and the pandemic restrictions have been loosened, which means the ski season can be longer in the High Tatras and in the biggest Slovak ski resort – Jasná. Cable cars will operate too and based on the latest decree, 1 person or members of 1 household can travel with 1 car.

Cable cars in Jasná are going to operate both in the north and the south from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and can be used for skiing as well as for hiking in the regions of Horehronie and Liptov. *“The resort entrance points in Biela púť and Krupová will be opened, which not only links the south with the north, but also gives skiers the chance to enjoy still perfect conditions in the highest located areas of Mt Chopok. On the southern side, we plan to groom the Zadné Dereše piste and the connection to Kosodrevina, in the north, the trail between Mt Chopok and Kanský grúň shall be added to the opened pistes,”* informed Jiří Trumpeš, the resort manager. The following cable cars are going to operate in Jasná from 4<sup>th</sup> May: Priehyba – Chopok, Krupová – Kosodrevina, Kosodrevina – Chopok, plus the Jasná – Priehyba funicular, the Biela Púť 4-seater chairlift and the Jasná – Luková 4-seater chairlift.

The Štrbské Pleso resort in the High Tatras stays open too, with the following chairlifts at disposal: Solisko Express, Furkota and the Junior ski lift.

A lot of fans' attention is focused on iconic Lomnické sedlo (saddle) and the highest located piste in Slovakia. *“We would like to open the piste very much, but have to wait how much expected warm weather affects the natural snow in the saddle at the weekend. If the conditions are good enough and the snow can be groomed, the plan is to open the piste on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May,”* said Dušan Slavkovský, the resort general manager. If Lomnické sedlo cannot be opened, the cable cars in Tatranská Lomnica are going to start operating again on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The cable car of Mt Lomnický štít is going to be available from the same date as well. Mt Lomnický štít tickets will be sold only to 1 family or members of 1 household due to pandemic restrictions. The specific terms and conditions are published on: [www.vt.sk](http://www.vt.sk).

The following cable cars should be opened in Tatranská Lomnica if the resort starts operating: Tatranská Lomnica – Štart, Štart – Skalnaté pleso, Skalnaté pleso – Mt Lomnický štít (from 7. 5.), the Skalnaté pleso – Lomnické sedlo 2-seater chairlift (only for skiers now, available for tourists after 15.6.). The funicular between Starý Smokovec and Hrebienok, where the Tatra Temple of Ice is still opened, will be operating too.

All cable cars and ski lifts will be available based on the interest of clients and the snow conditions. The latest updates are available on the resort websites: vt.sk, jasna.sk or in the Gopass app.

Morning Fresh Track is going to be offered in Štrbské Pleso and Jasná on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

A change has been introduced by the latest decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic, which becomes effective on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Every person who uses the services of a ski resort must present a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken no more than 72 hours before or a negative

COVID-19 RT-PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before. This does not apply to children up to 10 years.

The updated list of all opened COVID-19 testing sites is published online on [jasna.sk](http://jasna.sk) and [vt.sk](http://vt.sk).

It is not only more skiing options but also more accommodation establishments that are going to be available. In the High Tatras, the FIS hotel in Štrbské Pleso and Grandhotel Praha in Tatranská Lomnica are opened, in Jasná, the Pošta hotel and mountain Chalets Jasná Collection are at disposal and they all offer attractive packages with ski passes included in the price. From 6<sup>th</sup> May, the Night on Mt Lomnický štít is going to be available again, with two highest located suites in Slovakia.

Every person who uses the services of a hotel must present a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken no more than 72 hours before or negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before. This does not apply to children up to 10 years. All accommodation establishments will offer their services in the same way as the ski resorts, by respecting all current precautions and restrictions.

Until 9<sup>th</sup> May, skiers can ski with their 2020/21 Smart Season Passes. Holders of 2020/21 PREMIUM Smart Season Passes and 2020/21 Jasná & Vysoké Tatry Smart Season Passes can use vouchers to defer their passes to the 2021/22 season only until today, i.e. until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Everybody can find their voucher in their Gopass account. Once they pay the respective surcharge based on the number of their completed skiing days in the previous season, they will get a 2021/22 PREMIUM Smart Season Pass valid in all TMR resorts in Austria, Slovakia, Poland and the Czech Republic.

From 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021, all 2021/22 PREMIUM Smart Season Passes can be used at Mölltaler Gletscher in Carinthia.